GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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RAPE VICTIMS AMONG MENTALLY CHALLENGED WOMEN
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any data regarding number of mentally challenged women and the number of such women who are victims of rape and are pregnant in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has any specific scheme for the welfare of such women and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has consulted women organisations/public representatives/ State Governments in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken or proposed to be taken by Government for proper rehabilitation of such women?

Answer

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI)

(a) & (b): No separate data regarding number of mentally challenged women and the number of such women who are victim of rape and are pregnant in the country is maintained by Government of India.

(c) to (e): The Government of India is not administering any specific scheme for the mentally challenged women who are victims of rape and got pregnant. However, under Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme, the grant in aid is being provided by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment for running various projects for welfare of persons with disabilities including mentally retarded women. Further the National Trust for the welfare of persons with autism, cerebral palsy, mental retardation and multiple disabilities, a statutory body under the Department of Disability Affairs is implementing various schemes for welfare of mentally retarded persons.

Medical and legal aid is provided free of cost for women who are victim of rape. The Government is administering Swadhar and Short Stay Home Schemes for rehabilitation of women in difficult circumstance including the victims of rape. Further, under Section 357A of the Code of Criminal Procedure every State Government in co-ordination with the Central Government is required to prepare a scheme for providing funds for the purpose of compensation to the women victim of crime including rape. So far 22 states and 7 UTs have formulated the Victim Compensation Scheme.